

Person of Interest Alert



TO ADVANCE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF HOOSIERS THROUGH THE COLLECTION AND SECURE MAINTENANCE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION DATA

DEAR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER,

You are in receipt of an INSPECT Person of Interest Alert. The INSPECT Program has identified " **DUMMY**" as having exceeded specific patient dispensing guidelines set forth by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy. Please review the attached letter sent with this email. To review a full patient report corresponding to this patient, please submit a request through the INSPECT PMP WebCenter. If you are not currently a registered INSPECT accountholder, you may register for account access by visiting www.IN.gov/inspect.

WHAT IS INSPECT?

Since 2007 the Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection and Tracking Program, better known as INSPECT, has sought to provide Indiana health care providers with timely controlled substance treatment information for those patients to whom they are providing treatment. All individuals with the authority to prescribe or dispense controlled substances are eligible to utilize INSPECT's web-based software, known as the PMP WebCenter, to access patient report information 24/7.

WHAT IS A PERSON OF INTEREST ALERT?

Effective July 1, 2010 the scope of INSPECT services has expanded to include a new "unsolicited report" offering in the form of Person of Interest Alerts.

The Person of Interest Alert is designed to notify both registered INSPECT users and non -users alike of possible patient misuse or diversion of controlled substances. Receipt of such an alert means that -based on an objective review of available INSPECT records-a patient under your care (and potentially under the care of several other practitioners) has exceeded the patient dispensing guidelines established in August 2010 by the Indiana Board of Pharmacy.

Person of Interest Alerts should not be construed as evidence that a crime has taken place. All information contained in the INSPECT report comes from data reported to INSPECT by licensed dispensing pharmacies, and should be fully-validated to ensure that the data is accurate and complete. And so, while there is a chance that the patient's INSPECT report may not be fully complete or accurate, or that it may be flawed in other ways, in the interest of helping to limit the illicit diversion of prescription drugs statewide, and in the interest of protecting the safety and well-being of patients, we are statutorily required to inform you of our findings.

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

If you would like to review the patient's full prescriptive history, you must first establish an INSPECT account. For more information, please visit www.IN.gov/inspect.

Once you have fully reviewed the patient's prescriptive history available through INSPECT, how you proceed in handling the matter is entirely up to you, and the optimal response may vary depending circumstances /context of the situation. For additional guidance or best practices, it may be helpful for you to review your organization's policy/procedures, contact the appropriate licensing board for your profession, or seek counsel from your statewide membership association.

In weighing your options, however, please aware that the also-recently-passed IC-35-48-7-11.1 (h) states that, "A practitioner who in good faith discloses information based on a report from the INSPECT program to a law enforcement agency is immune from criminal or civil liability." Hence, if you have reason to believe that a patient's INSPECT report suggests criminal behavior on the part of the patient, you have the option of sharing your findings with a law enforcement officer.

Sincerely, INSPECT Administrators

Various Aliases and Addresses Used by Subject:

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